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[1](#)1. (U) The trial of five suspects charged under Bahrain's 2006 counter-terrorism law (reftels) resumed November 20 in Manama's High Criminal Court. The prosecution and defense presented opening arguments, and the court adjourned until December 12.

[1](#)2. (U) Defense attorneys told media that the three defendants currently in custody (two are being tried in absentia) began a hunger strike on November 17 seeking release on bail. The judge denied the bail request on November 20, and the attorneys said their clients will continue their hunger strike.

[1](#)3. (U) The defendants once again appeared in an open session of the court. Their families and supporters were present in the courtroom along with media.

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